

An Important Message from Jennifer Toth, Deputy Director of Transportation

April Highlights: Work Zone Safety, Distracted Driving Awareness and Driving Safety Home

April was a busy month for transportation safety nationwide and here in Arizona.

- ADOT and transportation departments across the country observed **National Work Zone Safety Week** at the start of the month, reminding all drivers to slow down and to pay close attention to signs and flaggers in work zones. In case you missed it, the [ADOT Blog](#) provided some great information to protect drivers and workers alike. When it comes to work zone safety, I cannot stress enough to expect the unexpected and watch out for one another.
- The National Safety Council is observing **Distracted Driving Awareness Month** throughout April, focusing on the dangers of using cell phones and other mobile devices while driving. The No. 1 message? Stop using them when you're behind the wheel. Even hands-free devices are risky because they don't prevent cognitive distraction to the brain. Texting, talking and checking email aren't the only distractions, however. Anything that takes your *mind off driving, your eyes off the road or your hands off the wheel* is equally dangerous. **Simply put: Focus on driving while driving.**
- Finally, I'm proud to say we rolled out our **Driving Safety Home** campaign to a statewide audience of transportation industry professionals at the 63rd Roads and Streets Conference in Tucson from April 16 to 18. Conference attendees had the opportunity to visit our Driving Safety Home booth and to [Take the Pledge](#) to make transportation safety their priority. As an added bonus, we provided them with a vehicle windshield cling (similar to the sticker you receive when you have your oil changed) to remind them about keeping transportation safety top-of-mind. If you've signed the pledge and would like to receive a window cling for your vehicle, email DrivingSafetyHome@azdot.gov. Supplies are limited, so don't delay. *PS: It's never too late to [Take the Pledge](#) to set a positive example and make safety your priority every time you travel.*



Next Month: Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month